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PATENT**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:

a controller for selecting at least one reference information structure;
a controller for selecting at least one sensor model; and
a processor for matching image data to said at least one reference information structure
using said at least one sensor model.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one reference
information structure comprises

an anatomical atlas.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said anatomical atlas comprises
a coordinate system.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one sensor
model comprises a model corresponding to a modality of a sensor used to acquire said image
data.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one sensor
model comprises a model of the distribution of elements representing features in said image data.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least of said at least one sensor model
comprises a model of the distribution of elements representing anatomical features in said image
data.

Claim 7 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:
a controller for selecting at least two images;

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a controller for selection at least one sensor model;
a controller for selecting at least one distribution model; and
a processor for matching said at least two images to each other using said sensor model
and said at least one distribution model.

Claim 8 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

a controller for selecting at least one landmark in at least one of the selected images, and
wherein said process further comprises means for matching said selected images using
said selected at least one landmark.

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Claim 9 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7, wherein at least one of said at least one sensor
model comprises a model corresponding to a modality of a sensor used to acquire image data to
be registered.

Claim 10 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7, wherein at least one of said at least one
distribution model comprises a model of the distribution of elements representing anatomical
features:

Claim 11 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:

a controller for selecting at least a first image and a second image;
a controller for selecting at least one distribution model corresponding to a segmentation
of said first image; and
a processor for matching at least said first and said second image using said at least one
distribution model.

Claim 12 (Original): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the distribution model further
comprises a representation of the distribution of elements in an image comprising at least one
feature of interest.

Claim 13 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:

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a controller for selecting at least a first image and a second image;
a controller for selecting at least two distribution models;
a controller for selecting a distance measure for measuring a distance between at least two of said selected distribution models; and
a processor for matching at least said first image and said second image using said at least one distribution model and said distance measure.

Claim 14 (Original): A method for image registration comprising;

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selecting a registration model;
selecting a distance measure incorporating the registration model; and
registering a first image with at least a second image using a registration transform using said distance measure.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 14, wherein the step of selecting a registration model comprises the step of:

selecting a registration model corresponding to a sensor modality.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 14, wherein the step of selecting a registration model comprises the step of selecting a registration model corresponding to a distribution of image elements constituting an image feature.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method for image registration comprising:

selecting at least one landmark in a first image;
determining at least one normal vector for at least one of said selected at least one landmark;
computing at least one gradient vector for a second image[[s]]; and
registering said first image and said second image by matching said at least one normal vector corresponding to said first image to said at least one gradient vector for said second image.

Claim 18 (Original): A method for image registration comprising:

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selecting at least one reference information structure;
selecting at least one sensor model; and
matching image data to said at least one reference information structure using said at least one sensor model.

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Claim 19 (Original): A method for image registration comprising:

selecting at least two images;
selection at least one sensor model;
selecting at least one distribution model; and
matching said at least two images to each other using said at least one sensor model and said at least one distribution model.

Claim 20 (Original): A method for image registration comprising:

selecting at least a first image and a second image;
selecting at least one distribution model corresponding to a segmentation of said first image; and
matching at least said first image and said second image using said at least one distribution model.

Claim 21 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:

means for selecting a registration model;
means for selecting a distance measure incorporating the registration model; and
means for registering a first image with at least a second image using a registration transform using said distance measure.

Claim 22 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:

means for selecting at least one landmark in a first image;
means for determining at least one normal vector for at least one of said selected at least one landmark;
means for computing at least one gradient vector for a second image; and

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means for registering said first image and said second image by matching said at least one normal vector corresponding to said first image to said at least one gradient vector for said second image.

Claim 23 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:

means for selecting at least one reference information structure;

means for selecting at least one sensor model; and

means for matching image data to said at least one reference information structure using said at least one sensor model.

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means for selecting a first image and a second image;

means for selecting at least one sensor model;

means for selecting at least one distribution model; and

means for matching said first image and said second image using said sensor model and said at least one distribution model.

Claim 25 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:

means for selecting at least a first image and a second image;

means for selecting at least one distribution model corresponding to a segmentation of said first image; and

means for matching at least said first image and said second image using said at least one distribution model.

Claim 26 (Original): A method for image registration during a medical procedure comprising:

selecting landmarks on a subject's body with a probe;

computing from an orientation of said probe, corresponding normals for said selected landmarks;

computing normals for an image, wherein said image contains elements corresponding to said selected landmarks on said subject's body; and

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registering said image with a coordinate frame corresponding to a position of said subject's body by relating said normals for said selected landmarks to said normals for said image.

Claim 27 (Original): An apparatus for image registration during a medical procedure comprising:

a probe;

means for computing from an orientation of said probe, normals corresponding to landmarks on a subject's body selected by said probe;

means for computing normals for an image, wherein said image contains elements corresponding to said selected landmarks on said subject's body; and

means for registering said image with a coordinate frame corresponding to a position of said subject's body by relating said normals for said selected landmarks to said normals for said image.

Claim 28 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the apparatus is a surgical navigation system. ~~A surgical navigation system comprising:~~

~~a probe;~~

~~means for computing from an orientation of said probe, normals corresponding to landmarks on a subject's body selected by said probe;~~

~~means for computing normals for an image, wherein said image contains elements corresponding to said selected landmarks on said subject's body; and~~

~~means for registering said image with a coordinate frame corresponding to a position of said subject's body by relating said normals for said selected landmarks to said normals for said image.~~

Claim 29 (Cancelled).

Claim 30 (Cancelled).

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Claim 31 (Cancelled).

Claim 32 (Original): An apparatus for image registration comprising:

means for selecting a registration model;
means for selecting a distance measure incorporating the registration model; and
means for registering a first image with at least a second image using a registration transform using said distance measure.

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Claim 33 (Original): A computer program product for use in a computer adapted for image registration, the computer program product comprising a computer readable medium for storing computer readable code means, which when executed by the computer, enables the computer to perform image registration, and wherein the computer readable code means includes computer readable instructions for causing the computer to execute a method comprising:

means for selecting a registration mode;
selecting a registration model;
selecting a distance measure incorporating the registration model; and
registering a first image with at least a second image using a registration transform using said distance measure.

Claim 34 (Original): A method for correlating images comprising:

selecting a registration model;
selecting a distance measure incorporating the registration model; and
correlating a first image with at least a second image using a transform using said distance measure.

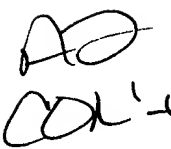
Claim 35 (Currently amended): A method for correlating images comprising:

selecting a [[g]]Gaussian registration model comprising at least one of either a sensor model or a distribution model indicating the distribution of image elements constituting at least one anatomic feature of interest;
selecting a Kullback-Liebler distance measure incorporating the registration model; and

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correlating a first image with at least a second image using a transform using said distance measure.

Claim 36 (New): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a surgical navigation system.

 Claim 37 (New): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the apparatus is a surgical navigation system.

Claim 38 (New): The method of claim 14, wherein the method is a surgical navigation method.

Claim 39 (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the first image is an image of a human body.

Claim 40 (New): The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first image is an image of a human body.
